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Continuation of the Review of the publick Buildings, &c.

BEFORE we go into the inclos'd Part of the *Abbey*, 'twill be proper to ſtop a Moment at the two Tombs on the Left Hand of the Entrance: That of Doctor *Buſby*'s is certainly in a good Taſte, and well executed; the Figure is bold and free; in a proper Action, and very expreſſive of the Character it repreſents; neither are the Decorations much inferior. But that of Doctor *South*'s, is altogether as bad; 'tis only a Parcel of good Marble ſpoil'd, and the Statue even more ſhocking than the original Block it was firſt compos'd of.

Of each Side of the collateral Iſles of the Choir, are three diſtinct Spaces, which, if I miſtake not, were formerly us'd as Chapels, and conſecrated to particular Saints, but now are only Repoſitories of the Dead, and devoted to their Monuments, and Inſcriptions. I ſhall touch upon what is remarkable in either of them quite round, and reſerve that of *Henry* VII. to cloſe my Remarks on this Part of my Subject.

In the firſt of theſe, on the Right Hand, you have a Sample of the antient *Gothique* Magnificence, which was the higheſt Taſte our Anceſtors arriv'd at: That is to ſay, a Monument which ſpreads over a vaſt Extent of Space, contains a prodigious Quantity of the fineſt Marble, is adorn'd with a vaſt Variety of Decorations, dazzles your Eyes with a Profuſion of Gildings, is animated with abundance of Inſcriptions, and yet, upon the Whole, appears an inſignificant Heap, without Form, or Order, Beauty, or Underſtanding, creating Pity, that ſo much Money, Time, and Labour ſhould be thrown away, inſtead of exciting Applauſe and Admiration.

What has been ſaid of this particular Tomb, will ſuit as well with all the reſt in the ſame Stile; for, though they differ in Particulars, they are the ſame upon the Whole, and a Superiority in Hugeneſs, or Expence, only calls upon the Spectator for a ſeverer Cenſure, and more poignant Diſſatisfaction. One Abſurdity eſpecially, which is common to them all, ought to be moſt rigorouſly condemn'd, which is, the graving their Inſcriptions in ſo ſmall a Character, and placing them at ſuch a Diſtance from the Eye, that they were ever as ineffectual, as if Time had eraſe'd them from the firſt Moment of their Inſertion.

In the laſt of the Chapels on the Right Hand, is a ſingle Statue in Honour of one of the *Holleſes*; which expreſſes more juvenile Sweetneſs, and Beauty, than any Thing I ever ſaw of the Kind in my Life: If this Figure has any Fault in Character and Deſign, 'tis in its being in a languid ſedentary Poſture, though clad in Armour, and deſcrib'd as a Hero in his Bloom: To be ſure, an Attitude of more Spirit would have been more ſuitable to the Perſon repreſented, would have given the Statuary greater Latitude to exert his Genius, and occaſion'd more Satisfaction in the Spectator too.

Oppoſite to the Door of this Chapel, is a brazen Buſt of Sir *Robert Stapleton*, an Author of ſome Repute in the Time of King *Charles* I. which has ſomething in it very lively, and pleaſing; and, though a judicious Eye will eaſily find it incorrect, he will not fail of giving it ſome Degree of Praiſe notwithſtanding.

Much in the ſame Situation, in the other Iſle, is a Bas-Relief, in Honour of one of the *La Tours*, a Family from *France*, which has a Degree of Delicacy, both in the Tale, and Expreſſion, which is very entertaining: 'Tis a Mother lamenting over her dead, or dying Daughter, and the Artiſt has been very happy in the Execution: I could wiſh though that the Drapery had not been quite ſo prodigally beſtow'd, and that the Folds had been fewer, and more ſimple.

On the other Side of the ſame Iſle, a little lower down, is another Piece of the ſame Nature with this, which is the Reaſon I arrange them together: The Story of that, is a Lady dying, and her Huſband, and ſeveral Children weeping round her: I can't ſay that the Scene is not well enough diſpos'd, and the Paſſions naturally and properly expreſs'd; but ſtill I think ſuch little Tablatures, as theſe, are fitter for a Medal, than a Monument; and ought to be kept in a Box, rather than expos'd to the open Air: What is calculated to laſt for any Term of Years, ought to be compos'd of large and nervous Parts, that Time might be the longer in hurting it, and that it might have a better Chance of challenging the Attention of Poſterity.

I muſt now go back again to the firſt Chapel on the Right Hand, coming down the Iſle, where we ſhall ſee, at the Entrance, a Figure, leaning on a Mattreſs, which is admirably well executed, but in the worſt Stile almoſt of any Thing in the *Abbey*: In a Word, 'tis an exact Copy of the Dreſs, and Character of the Times, at the Beginning of the Reign of King *Charles* I. The ſpruce Hair, curl'd Whiſkers, pointed Beard, ſtarch'd Ruff, Formal Cloak, and large Buttons, are as carefully preſerv'd, as if they were a fit Standard of Beauty for all future Ages.

Above this, and almoſt out of Sight, is the brazen Buſt of a Lady, which deſerves ſome Admiration, both as it expreſſes great Simplicity and Beauty, and as 'tis finely executed too: 'Tis true the Dreſs, and Manner of this are as much to be objected to as the laſt, and has the ſame Excuſe of Mode to plead in its Juſtification.

Juſt oppoſite to the Entrance, is a Statue that is diſpos'd with the moſt Eaſe and Freedom of any Thing I ever ſaw, and indeed has no other Beauty to recommend it. I don't recollect any Thing elſe remarkable in either of theſe Chapels to take farther Notice of; for tho' they are crowded with Monuments, they are all ſo execrably ill, as to be even beneath Cenſure: One modern Lady, indeed, in the next Chapel to this, would take it ill if I did not pay ſomething like a Compliment to her: For ſhe is dreſt with ſuch Nicety, ſo lac'd, ſo ruffled, and ſo fervent in her Devotions too at the ſame Time, as if we were to believe there was as much Ceremony to be obſerv'd in gaining Admiſſion into Heaven, as at Court, on a Birth-Day.

Some of my Readers would perhaps take it ill, if in this Place, and writing on the Curioſities of the *Abbey*, I ſhould not ſay ſomething in Honour of the fine Wax-Work-Figures which are plac'd ſo curiouſly; up and down this venerable Building; particularly the King *William* and Queen *Mary*, which have been lately ſo amicably ſhut up together in the ſame Box. To oblige them therefore, and in Compliment to the Reverend *Dean* and *Chapter*, who permit theſe noble Decorations, I will throw away a Moment or two in giving my Opinion of them: In the firſt Place, therefore, with all Submiſſion to better Judgments, I think they are ridiculous, and unnatural in themſelves, expreſſing neither Figure like Statuary, nor Colour like Painting: Secondly, I am humbly of Opinion that they would become a Puppet-Shew better than a Church, as making a mere Farce of what ſhould be great, and ſolemn: And thirdly, I think them highly injurious to the Characters they repreſent, as ſhewing them like jointed Babies, to the ſtupid Admiration of the Vulgar, and the Contempt of Men of Senſe; inſtead of characterizing their Perſons, and perpetuating their Virtues.

For all which, and many more Reaſons, I beg Leave to move that the whole preſent Set of Waxen Worthies may be demoliſh'd without Benefit of Clergy, and that all their preſent Patrons, and Abettors may be ſubſtituted in their Place; and that, as faſt as any future Reverence ſhould endeavour to ſeduce his Brethren to the like Idolatry, he ſhould be immediately chronicled in Wax, and ſhewn with a Cap and Bells, to diſtinguiſh the Extent of his Underſtanding, and the Perfection of his Taſte.

SATURDAY, *Feb.* 2.

ON Thurſday Night laſt a Man driving a Dung-Cart from *Smithfield*, through *Cock-Lane*, the Horſe being reſty turn'd ſhort upon him and pinn'd him againſt the Wall, and one of the Shafts of the Cart pierced into his Body, ſo that he died on the Spot. The Coroner's Inqueſt ſat on his Body, and brought in their Verdict *Accidental Death*.

We are credibly informed, that *Charles Fleetwood*, Eſq; of *Bromley-Hall* in the County of *Stafford*, a Gentleman of an Eſtate of upwards of 8000 l. *per Annum*, hath purchaſed all the Shares of the Patentees of the Theatre Royal in *Drury Lane*, and that he will either keep them himſelf, or diſpoſe of them to ſuch Perſons (Actors only) as ſhall be approved of by themſelves: On which Conditions, we hear, that the Company from the Theatre in the *Haymarket*, are about to return to their Old Houſe.

Preferments. On Tueſday laſt came on the Election of a Member of Parliament for *Sudbury* in *Suffolk*, in the room of *John Knight*, Eſq; deceaſed: The Candidates were *Richard Jackſon*, Eſq; one of the preſent Directors of the *South-Sea* Company, and Mr. *Price*, a Gentleman of *Suffolk*: when the Numbers ſtood thus,

For Mr. *Jackſon* — — 417
For Mr. *Price* — — 333

Majority for the former — — 84

—On Thurſday laſt the Right Hon. the Lord *Molesworth* was appointed by his Majeſty to be Lord Lieutenant and Cuſtos Rotulorum of the *Eaſt Riding* of *Yorkſhire*.—Lieutenant *Lewis*, a Gentleman who diſtinguiſh'd himſelf with great Bravery at the late Siege of *Gibraltar*, is appointed by his Grace the Maſter General of the Ordnance to be Captain of a Company in the Royal Regiment of Artillery, commanded by Brigadier *Bargard*, in the room of Capt. *Richards* deceaſed.—On Thurſday his Majeſty was pleaſed to appoint *Charles Selwyn*, Eſq; one of the Equerries to the Queen, and Member of Parliament for *Whitchurch* in *Hampſhire*, to be Judge-Advocate of his Majeſty's Forces, in the room of *Edward Hughes*, Eſq; deceaſed.—As likewiſe to appoint the Right Hon. *Charles* Lord *Cadogan*, Colonel of a Regiment of Foot, to be Colonel of the Regiment of Dragoons late Brigadier *Churchill*'s, the Brigadier having ſurrender'd to General *Evans*.—As alſo to appoint Brigadier *Barrel*, Colonel of a Regiment of Foot on the *Iriſh* Eſtabliſhment, to be Colonel of the Lord *Cadogan*'s Regiment.—And to promote *John Pitt*, Eſq; Lieutenant-Colonel of a Company in the Firſt Regiment of Foot Guards, Aid-de-Camp to his Majeſty, and Member of Parliament for *Cockſford* in *Wales*, to the Command of Brigadier *Barrel*'s Regiment.—As alſo to promote Capt. *Bracklay*, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of a Company in the Firſt Regiment of Foot-Guards, ſome Time ſince vacant.

Marriage. On Thurſday —— *Warren*, Eſq; was married to Miſs *Broughton*, Daughter of *Richard Broughton*, of *Hillington* near *Uxbridge* in *Middleſex*, Eſq; a young Gentlewoman of an ample Fortune. The Ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. *Broughton*, her Brother.

Deaths. Laſt Night died in an advanced Age, at his Houſe in *Bloomſbury Square*, Sir *James Hallet*, Knt. formerly an eminent Goldſmith in *Cheapſide*.——Thurſday died Mr. *James Gould*, Surveyor to the *South-Sea* Company.

MONDAY, *Feb.* 4.

On Saturday laſt the Society of the *Middle-Temple* gave a grand Entertainment to the Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor, the Right Rev. the Lord Biſhop of *Bangor*, the Hon. Mr. Juſtice *Page*, Mr. Juſtice *Denton*, Mr. Juſtice *Lee*, Mr. Serjeant *Barnes*, and ſeveral other Serjeants at Law, and a great Number of other Perſons of Diſtinction. After Dinner was over the Company repair'd to the Hall, where the Comedians of his Majeſty's Revels acted the Comedy of *Love for Love*, with the *Devil to Pay*, their Royal Highneſſes the Prince of *Wales* and the Duke being preſent; there was likewiſe a very numerous and ſplendid Appearance of Ladies at the Play, and the Evening concluded with a Ball. The Whole being executed with all imaginable Regularity and Politeneſs. 'Tis remarkable, that a Baron of Beef was ſerv'd up at Dinner that weigh'd 35 Stone, it was borne to Table by four Men.

Yeſterday a Petition was preſented to his Majeſty at St. *James*'s, from the Priſoners in the *Fleet*, with their Names ſubſcribed thereto, begging Relief in Behalf of themſelves

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and many Thousands more; and his Majesty, after reading the same, was graciously pleased to order the Petition to be carried to the Office of his Grace the Duke of *Newcastle*, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State at *Whitehall*, to be considered of.

The Hon. Board of Works have received Orders from his Majesty to new tile, beautify, and repair the Barracks in the *Savoy*. and a great Number of Hands will be employed this Week to perform the same.

On Thursday last his Majesty in Council was pleas'd to appoint the following Sheriffs, *viz.*

Leicester, Chiverton Hartopp, Esq;
Oxon, Francis Haywood the Younger, Esq;

North Wales.

Montgomery, Edward Price, of Gunley, Esq;

Marriage. On Friday last *Thomas Blaithwaite*, Esq; was married to Miss *Blundell*, a young Gentlewoman of a considerable Fortune.

Death. Last Thursday died, at his House near *Holy-Port* in *Buckinghamshire*, Major *Cæsar Burton*.

Bankrupts. John Nixon, of *Jewin-street*, *London*, Turner.——*Nathan Dell*, of *Snow Hill*, *London*, Turner.——*William Dick*, of *Bradford* in the County of *Wilts*, Clothier.——*Robert Pate*, of the Parish of St. *Saviour*, *Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, Distiller.——*John Probyn*, late of the Parish of St. *Paul*, *Covent-Garden*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Dealer in Cyder.

TUESDAY, *Feb.* 5.

'Tis said that the Land-Tax will be only two Shillings in the Pound for the ensuing Year, that no new Taxes will be levy'd on the Subject, and that the Navy and other Deficiencies will be made good out of the Sinking Fund.

The Societies of the *Temple* were pleased to present the Sum of 50 l. to the Comedians of his Majesty's Revels, who acted the Play of *Love for Love* on Saturday last in the *Temple-Hall*.

The Lords of the Admiralty have appointed the *Windsor* and *Somerset*, Fourth Rates, to be two of the five Ships ordered at a former Board to be got ready to be commissioned for Sea-Service.

We are credibly inform'd, that his Grace the Duke of *Chandos* will be declar'd Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland* upon the Return of the Duke of *Dorset* from that Kingdom, and that the Right Hon. the Lord *Malton* will succeed the Duke of *Chandos*, on the Expiration of his Grace's Term.

Yesterday Morning Orders were issued from the War-Office for the Serjeants and Corporals of the three Regiments of Foot-Guards to repair into the Country to raise Recruits, for the Augmentation of ten Men in each Company of the said Regiments.

Private Letters from *Moscow* bring an Account of a melancholy Accident that lately happened at the House of Mr. *Morley*, an *English* Merchant in that City, where Mr. *Small*, another *English* Merchant, and a Surgeon of the same Nation, having been drinking all Night, and the two last having had some Words together, as Mr. *Small* was getting into a Sledge to be carried to his Lodgings a little Way farther, the Surgeon ran him into the Body with a Sword, of which Wound he died a few Hours after; and the Surgeon is condemn'd to be hang'd for the Murder.

The Beginning of last Week some Rogues attempted to break open the House of Mr. *Wiltshire*, a Peruke-maker, the Corner of *Princes-street*, *Spittle Fields*, but not then succeeding, they came again last Thursday Morning and got into the Cellar, from whence they endeavour'd to break into the Shop, but a Servant who lay there hearing the Noise, and having a Gun by his Bed-side loaded with a Brace of Balls, fired at them through the Wainscot, and heard one complain that he was dangerously wounded; the Noise of the Piece alarm'd the Family, and Mr. *Wiltshire* immediately came down with a Pistol in each Hand, but the Rogues were made off: An *Irishman* who had an ill Character was suspected, and his Lodging was search'd the same Day; he was not at home, but a great Quantity of Blood was found in his Bed, whereby 'tis conjectured that he died of his Wound, and that his Body was convey'd away by his Companions.

Robert Brown, otherwise *Andrew Pearson*, who was on Thursday last committed to the *Gatehouse* by Justice *Deveil*, for having counterfeited the Hands of Sir *Charles Farnaby*, Bart. *David Polbill* and *Jeffrey Amherst*, Esqrs; three of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Kent*, and thereby defrauding several Persons of Rank of several Sums of Money, was on Saturday committed to *Newgate*, by Sir *John Gonson* and the said Justice *Deveil*; it appearing plainly on a further Examination, that the said *Brown*, with one *William Luther*, went under the specious Pretence of being Farmers in *Kent*, burnt out of their Dwelling-houses in that County, to the Lord *Middlesex*, Sir *Edward Deering*, Bart. and some other Persons of Quality, and got Money from them; but going in the like Manner to Sir *George Oxenden*'s House, on Horseback as Farmers, and Sir *George* looking very narrowly into their Petition, pretended to be sign'd by the said Justices, and knowing the Hands of some of them, found out the Fraud, and thereupon secur'd the said *Brown*, otherwise *Pearson*, and his Horse, which now stands at the *Horse and Groom* in *New-Bond-street* to be seen: Some of the injur'd Persons are bound over to prosecute; and it is hoped that this will put every Body upon their Guard against such Attempts for the future.

Yesterday a Child belonging to a Distiller in *Spittle Fields Market*, was drowned accidentally in a Tub of Water.

On Saturday last Mr. *Mead* set out from his House in *Leicester-Fields*, to walk from thence to *Henley upon Thames* and back again, in 36 Hours, for a Wager of 50 Guineas, which he performed in an Hour and 16 Minutes less than the Time, and rested six Hours the Night that he set out.

Extract of a Letter from Bath, Feb. 2.

His Highness the Prince of *Orange* was at Lady *Blandford*'s Assembly last Thursday Night, and was exceeding chearful, and is the Delight of all that come nigh him. His Highness last Tuesday Se'nnight went to the Ball at *Hayes*'s, but missing several of the Quality, he went soon away, and spent the Remainder of that Evening at Lady *Blandford*'s Assembly. Mr. *Hinton Brown* and Mr. *William Forster*, last Monday Morning, waiting at the Bottom of the Stairs at the Prince's Lodgings, to pay their Compliments to his Highness; his Highness, when he came down observing them, ask'd them from whence they came? Upon which Mr. *Hinton Brown* address'd himself to him in the following Speech.

May it please the Prince of Orange,

We are of the City of *London*, and of that Society of the King's loving Subjects in Contempt called *Quakers*: We are glad of this Opportunity of paying our Respects to the Prince, to congratulate him upon the Recovery of his Health so far, and sincerely desire the Continuance of it. It must give particular Pleasure to every Lover of Liberty and of his Country, to see a Branch of the illustrious House of *Orange* continued to us; to which House (in the Person of the late glorious King *William*) we not only owe (under Divine Providence) the Liberty we enjoy, but even the Royal Family who now fills the Throne. This Kingdom is justly fill'd with Expectation from a Prince who has given such early Proofs of his Wisdom, that his Accomplishments will render him an Ornament and Honour to the *British* Nation. May the Supream Being, who disposeth all Events according to his good Pleasure, grant that the intended Nuptials of the Prince of *Orange* with the Princess Royal may be the ushering in of a lasting and perpetual Happiness to them, and a Joy to this Nation! And when by Maturity of Time, they shall be transmitted to a future State, may they enjoy the Presence of God for ever! which must be the ultimate Desire of every rational Agent.

We are credibly inform'd, that their High Mightinesses the States-General of the United Provinces have given his Majesty their Assurances, that they will concur with him in all such Steps as he shall be pleas'd to take in the present Conjuncture for securing the Balance of Power in *Europe*.

Bristol, Feb. 2. During our Fair the Sharpers have been very busy. On Tuesday Night a Man had his Pocket picked of 25 Guineas on the Bridge. A poor Collier-Woman had her Purse cut, wherein was about 7 s. A Mercer lost a Piece of Silk out of his Shop, Value 14 l. Several others have met with considerable Losses. Three Women well dressed were taken up for picking of Pockets, *&c.* and committed to *Bridewell*.

Preferments. His Majesty has been pleased to appoint his Excellency *Benjamin Keene*, Esq; his Minister at the Court of *Spain*, to be his Envoy Extraordinary at the said Court.——Last Week the Rev. Dr. *Jackson* was appointed one of the Prebendaries of the Cathedral Church of St. *Paul*.

Marriages. Yesterday the Rev. Mr. *Wilson*, Son of the Bishop of *Sodor* and *Man*, was married to Mrs. *Haywood*, a Widow Lady of a great Fortune.——Last Sunday the Rev. Mr. *James*, Son of the Hon. Sir *Robert James*, of the County of *Suffolk*, Bart. was married to Miss *Vaujan*, of *Leicester-Fields*, a young Gentlewoman of a large Fortune.

Deaths. Last Friday Night died at *Hackney*, *George Grimes*, Esq; an eminent Packer of this City, said to have died worth near 100,000 l.——The same Day died at *Woolwich*, Capt. *Richards*, belonging to the Office of Ordnance.

WEDNESDAY, *Feb.* 6.

We are assured the Managers appointed for drawing of the Lottery, have resolved to begin to draw on Monday the 4th of *March* next.

Yesterday at a Board of Admiralty, the Lords Commissioners ordered an Augmentation of Lieutenants to be made to the several Guardships in Commission. Their Lordships also ordered the said Guardships to enter Sailors immediately to their highest Compliment of Men.

Yesterday at a Court of Aldermen, Mr. *West*, one of the City Attornies, resign'd his Post to Mr. *Pellet*. We hear that Tuesday next is appointed for the Choice of a new Ordinary of *Newgate*.

The Days appointed for the Lent Assizes are as follow, *viz.*

HOME CIRCUIT.

Lord Chief Baron Reynolds, Mr. Justice Denton.
Hertfordshire, Monday March 4, at Hertford.
Essex, Wednesday 6, at Chelmsford.
Kent, Tuesday 12, at Maidstone.
Sussex, Monday 18, at East-Grinstead.
Surrey, Thursday 21, at Kingston upon Thames.

OXFORD CIRCUIT.

Mr. Baron Thompson, Mr. Justice Reeves.
Berks, Wednesday March 6, at Reading.
Oxfordshire, Saturday 9, at Oxford.
Gloucestershire, Wednesday 13, at Gloucester.
City of Gloucester, the same Day, at the City.
Monmouthshire, Monday 18, at Monmouth.
Herefordshire, Wednesday 20, at Hereford.
Salop, Tuesday 26, at Shrewsbury.
Staffordshire, Saturday 30, at Stafford.
Worcestershire, Thursday April 4, at Worcester.
The same Day at the City.

WESTERN CIRCUIT.

Mr. Justice Page, Mr. Justice Lee
Southampton, Wednesday March 6, at the Castle of Winton.
Wilts, Saturday 9, at New Sarum.
Dorsetshire, Thursday 14, at Dorchester.
Cornwall, Thursday 21, at Launceston.
County of the City of Exon, Tuesday 26, at the Guildhall of the City of Exon.
Devon, the same Day at the Castle of Exon.
Somerset, Tuesday April 2, at the Castle of Taunton.

NORTHERN CIRCUIT.

Lord Chief Justice Eyre, Mr. Justice Fortescue.
City of York, Monday March 11, at the City of York.
County of York, the same Day at the Castle of York.
Lancaster, Saturday 23, at the Castle of Lancaster.

MIDLAND CIRCUIT.

Mr. Justice Probyn, Mr. Baron Comyns.
Northampton, Tuesday March 5, at Northampton.
Rutland, Friday 8, at Oakham.
Lincoln, Monday 11, at the Castle of Lincoln.
City of Lincoln, the same Day at the Guildhall.
Nottingham, Friday 15, at Nottingham.
Town of Nottingham, Saturday 16, at the Guildhall.
Derby, Tuesday 19, at Derby.
Leicester, Friday 22, at the Castle of Leicester.
Town of Leicester, Saturday 23, at the same Place.
Coventry, Tuesday 26, at Coventry.
Warwick, Wednesday 27, at Warwick.

Promotions. His Majesty has been pleased to make the following Promotions in the Royal Regiment of Horse-Guards Blue, commanded by his Grace the Duke of *Argyll*, *viz.* Major *Wyvill*, to be Lieutenant Colonel, in the room of Colonel *Byng*, deceased; Captain *Beck*, to be Major of the Regiment, in the room of Major *Wyvill*; Captain Lieutenant *Bennet*, to be Captain of Colonel *Byng*'s Troop; Lieutenant *Herbert*, Brother to the Right Hon. the Earl of *Pembroke*, to succeed Captain *Bennet*; and Captain *Midget*, Adjutant, to succeed Captain *Herbert*.

Marriage. Last Monday *James Reed* of *Fulham*, Esq; was married to Miss *Garbert*, Daughter of *Benjamin Garbert*, Esq; of *Parsons-Green*.

Bankrupt. John Nixon, of *Jewin-street*, *London*, Glover.

THURSDAY, *Feb.* 7.

The Number of additional Troops design'd for Service of the present Year, are 1800, and are propos'd instead of the three Regiments at *Gibraltar*, which are for the future to be reckon'd on a different Establishment. No Horse are to be rais'd, only nine private Men and a Corporal to each Company of Foot.

On Tuesday last was enter'd at the *Custom-house* for Exportation, 2812 Quarters of Wheat, which was more than was enter'd all last Week, there being but 2787 Quarters for the whole Week.

The Ship *Prosperous*, Capt. *Le Roach*, was lately lost off the Coast of *Alexandria*.

As was likewise the *Upton*, Capt. *Wild*, in the Gulf of *Venice*.

They write from *Edinburgh* of the 31st past, That the Day before sailed from *Leith* a Ship for *Georgia*, with 100 Persons, young and old, to settle in that Colony; and that the *London* Mail came in a Day later than usual, being found in the *Tyne* Water, near *Haddington*, and the Rider was missing, and supposed to be drowned, the Horse being found grazing on the Bands of the said River.

We hear that a Penſion of 500l. *per Annum* has been offered the Dutcheſs of *Wharton*, during Life, in Caſe her Grace ſhall think fit to reſide in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*.

On Tueſday was held a Court of Aldermen at *Guild hall*, when ſome Affairs relating to the City Works came under their Conſideration, which taking up too much Time, the Clerks, Surveyors, Builders, Workmen, &c. were ordered to attend the Court again that Day Month.

Mr. *Pine*, an eminent Graver in *Aldersgate-ſtreet*, preſented to the Court a Copy of the *Magna Charta* granted by King *John*, from the Original that is repoſited in the *Cottonian* Library, lately preſerved from the Flames, together with the Arms and Names of the Barons that were then appointed to decide any Cauſe between the King and the People; the Whole being printed on a Skin of Vellom from a Copper-Plate curiouſly engrav'd and embelliſh'd, and ſet in a Frame and Glaſs; for which they returned him Thanks, and were pleaſed to order him a Preſent of 20 Guineas.

A Petition has been preſented to the Houſe of Lords from the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, againſt ſeveral Cheeſemongers, who refuſe to pay Toll at the ſeveral Wharfs in the City on landing their Goods.

For the more ſpeedy Manning of his Majeſty's Fleet, we hear a Proclamation will ſoon be iſſued out for allowing twenty Shillings Bounty Money, and for advancing two Months Pay to ſuch as ſhall voluntarily enter themſelves and ſerve on board his Majeſty's Ships of War.

It is written from *Legborn* the 30th ult. N. S. That the *Spaniards* were diſcharging the *Engliſh* Ships out of their Service, and hiring *French* and *Genoeſe* in their Room, in which they were ſhipping Arms, Ammunition, and warlike Stores, which it was generally believed were deſigned againſt the Kingdom of *Naples*, or at leaſt ſome Expedition they were afraid to truſt the *Engliſh* with any Concern in.

Commitment. Yeſterday a Man was taken at *Hungerford-Market* in the *Strand*, charg'd with a Robbery on the Highway, and being examin'd before Juſtice *Deveil*, was by him committed to *Newgate:* Three Piſtols were found upon him.

Marriage. Laſt Week *Henry Myles*, of *Farringdon* in *Berkſhire*, Eſq; a Gentleman of a great Eſtate, was married to Miſs *Green*, Siſter to the Lady of *Richard Bridges* of *Glouceſter*, Eſq;

Deaths. Laſt Saturday died Captain *Cary*, formerly of the Duke of *Argyll*'s Regiment of Blues.——Laſt Week died at *Honington* in *Warwickſhire*, *Chriſtopher White*, Eſq; and has left 2000l. *per Annum* to *Joſeph Durham*, of the *Iſle of Ely*, Eſq; who married his only Daughter.

FRIDAY, *Feb.* 8.

They write from *Bath* of the 5th Inſtant, that the Prince of *Orange* riſes every Morning before Day-light; that ſo ſoon as dreſs'd, his Highneſs goes to the Waters, and thence to *Lanſdown*, where he exerciſes till Noon; that after Dinner his Highneſs repeats his Exerciſes, by which Regimen, and other Means, he has eſtabliſhed the Recovery of his Health. Monday next is fix'd for his Highneſs's making a Viſit to the City of *Briſtol*, and the Monday following for his ſetting out for *London*. His Highneſs deſigns to take *Oxford* in his Way, if the Weather will permit.

Yeſterday the old Diſpute between the Company of Gun-makers and the other Gun-makers of *London*, who were bred up to that Trade without being bound at their Hall, came on before the Judges at *Weſtminſter-Hall*, on his Majeſty's Writ of *Mandamus*; when it was unanimouſly determin'd in Favour of the Company, and that ſuch Workmen who had not been bound at the Company's Hall, had no Right to any of the Privileges thereof, without the Company were pleaſed to admit them to the ſame.

On Wedneſday was the Anniverſary Meeting of the antient and venerable Society of Free Sawyers, at the *George* and *Vulture* Tavern in *Cornhill*, when they had a ſplendid Dinner at their Expence; after which, in the moſt regular Manner, they balloted for a new Preſident, Vice-Preſident, and other Officers; then opened the Charity Cheſt, and gave the Money therein (which was conſiderable) to poor Men, and Widows of who were Sawyers, either of Wood or Stone, without any Diſtinction: This antient Society conſiſt chiefly of wealthy Merchants and eminent Traders; and 'tis ſaid they have three Chaplains, one of which is always to attend at their annual Meeting, and of Diſtribution Days of their Charity Collections and Subſcriptions.

We hear that the Parliament will grant 20,000l. to the Hon. Truſtees for eſtabliſhing the new Colony of *Georgia* in *America*.

The Right Hon. the Lord *Hardwick*, Lord Chief Juſtice of *England*, Mr. Juſtice *Denton*, and Mr. Baron *Comyns*, will not go their ſeveral Circuits, but give their Attendance for the Service of the Houſe of Peers.

Yeſterday a Cabinet Council was held at St. *James's*, when Mr. Serjeant *Urling*, Deputy Recorder of this City, made his Report to his Majeſty of the ten Malefactors now under Sentence of Death in *Newgate*, and the ſix following were ordered for Execution on Monday next, *viz.*

William Symonds and *Samuel Steele*, for robbing *William Peyton* in *Chelſea-Fields*, in *July* laſt, of his Hat, Wig, Coat, and Twenty-pence in Money.

William Symonds and *George Peters*, for breaking open the Houſe of *Euphrenia Kendall* and *William Hart*, and ſtealing thence Goods to a conſiderable Value.

James Belford, for aſſaulting and robbing *Anne Baker* and *Mary Allen* on the Highway, and taking from them a Mob and a Handkerchief. And

James Macdowl, for a Robbery on the Highway near *Kenſington*.

His Majeſty was pleaſed to extend his Mercy to the four following, in order for Tranſportation, *viz.*

George Catterel, for breaking open the Houſe of *Edward Kitchen*, and ſtealing thence two Barrels of Anchovies.

Henry Tilſon and *Henry Worrell*, for ſtealing Goods to the Value of 10l. out of the Houſe of *John Gardiner*.

And *John Trevers*, a Boy of about 14 Years of Age, for Houſe-breaking.

'Tis written from *Frankfort*, that the March of the 30,000 *Ruſſian* Troops for the *Rhine*, which the Czarina offer'd to furniſh his *Imperial* Majeſty againſt the *French*, has been declined upon the preſſing Inſtances of ſome Princes of the Empire.

We are credibly inform'd, that the Debate of the Miniſters of ſeveral Princes of the Empire, at the Diet of *Ratiſbon*, to take the Emperor's Decree in Conſideration relating to the preſent War with *France*, is Matter of great Surprize throughout all *Europe*, and perhaps furniſhes no very pleaſing Proſpects to the Friends of the Houſe of *Auſtria*. 'Tis ſaid however that his *Pruſſian* Majeſty's Miniſter at the ſaid Diet lately declar'd there, that he had receiv'd Inſtructions from his Court to concur heartily in all Reſolutions that ſhould be taken for the Honour, Dignity and Defence of the Empire.

The following is ſaid to be a Liſt of his *Imperial* Majeſty's Troops, excluſive of Allies or Foreign Troops in Pay, *viz.* in *Hungary*, *Tranſilvania* and *Sileſia*, 30,000; in the Citadel of *Luxemburg* and the Low Countries, 23,000; in *Naples* and *Sicily*, 23,000; in the Garriſons of *Friburg* and *Briſac*, 6,000; 14,000 at preſent in *Mantua*; and 84,000 on the *Rhine*, or marching for *Italy*; in all 180,000 Men.

The regular Forces of the three Kingdoms of *France*, *Spain* and *Sardinia*, have been lately computed by ſome to amount to about 300,000 Men.

They write from the *Hague*, that the 24th Inſtant, N.S. has been ſet apart, by Order of the States-General, for a Day of Faſting and Prayer throughout the United Provinces, to implore the Protection of Divine Providence in this critical Juncture.

Preferment. On Wedneſday laſt came on the Election of a Member of Parliament for the County of *Berks*, in the room of Sir *John Stonehouſe*, Bart. deceas'd, when —— *Archer*, Eſq; was choſen without Oppoſition.

To the AUTHOR *of the* WEEKLY REGISTER.

SIR,

THE following Lines were writ Extempore by a Gentleman of a decay'd Family: If you would be pleas'd to inſert them in your *Regiſter*, it will oblige

Your conſtant Reader and Admirer,

HIPPIAS.

WOU'D Heaven but grant my Deſire
A ſmall Requeſt I wou'd require,
A decent Houſe, and a good Fire:
A Pot of Beer to give a Friend,
And Wealth enough but to extend
My Charity to th' abject Poor,
And drive Penury from my Door.
But, join to this a loving Wife,
A Stranger to conjugal Strife,
My Happineſs wou'd be compleat,
I'd envy not the Rich and Great,
But ſpend my Days exempt from Care,
Or anxious Thoughts of 'proaching War;
And quiet ſleep under my Roof,
And aſk no more: Think this enough.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Madrid, Jan. 18. N. S.

THE Court receives frequent Expreſſes from *Italy*; their Diſpatches are kept under the ſtricteſt Secrecy, yet ſome pretend to have diſcovered that an Alteration is made in the Plan laid down by the Generals of the combin'd Troops in that Country; and that the laſt Expreſs brought a new Method of proceeding to be approv'd of by his *Catholick* Majeſty. Laſt Wedneſday his Excellency Mr. *Keene*, the *Britiſh* Miniſter, had a long Conference with M. *Patinho* in Conjunction with M. *Vander Meer*, Ambaſſador of the States General. Our laſt Advices from *Barcelona* take Notice, that the Embarkment of 5000 Men to reinforce the Army in *Italy*, is to begin on the 15th of *February* next. The Equipment of all the Men of War in our Ports is carried on with the utmoſt Diligence. The King has nam'd the Marquis *de Campo Florido*, Viceroy of *Valencia* to go in Quality of Ambaſſador to the Court of *France*. 'Tis confirm'd that about 10 or 12,000 Men will be tranſported early in the Spring for *Italy*. We have Advice from *Cadiz*, that four Men of War ſail'd thence the 12th Inſtant for the *Havanna*.

Vienna, Jan. 20. General *Merci* ſets out the 22d Inſtant for *Italy*, where he will have an Army of his own chuſing of 64,000 Men. Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy* has likewiſe declar'd his Intention to ſerve upon the *Rhine*, and his Army will, it is computed, conſiſt of 100,000 Men.

Milan, Jan. 26. The combin'd Troops propoſe to carry the Citadel of *Tortona* before the End of this Month; the Weather being very ſevere, they muſt have a hard Time of it; yet they ſtill give out they will proceed next on *Mantua*. The King of *Sardinia* gave a magnificent Ball here on the 17th, where reſorted a numerous Train of Nobility.

Hague, Feb. 2. The Act of Diſcharge prepar'd by the Council of State, and approv'd by the States of *Holland*, to be ſign'd by the King of *Pruſſia* at the Delivery of the Archives, Tjtles, &c. relating to the late King *William*'s Succeſſion, was delivered Yeſterday Morning to M. *Maſcke* his Miniſter here, to be tranſmitted to his *Pruſſian* Majeſty; and the like Act of Diſcharge is ſent this Day to the Prince of *Orange* in *Great Britain*, to be ſign'd by his Highneſs, for the Delivery of his Part of the late King *William*'s Effects. Orders were this Day diſpatch'd to all the Regiments in the Service of the States, to have their Troops and Companies compleat by the 25th of *March*; and to be in a Readineſs to march if there be Occaſion.

Dantzick, Feb. 3. Yeſterday, at Six in the Evening, an Officer arriv'd here from the Commandant of the Fort of *Hackelberg*, with Advice, that the firſt Column of the *Muſcovite* Troops, having General *Lacy* at their Head, and the ſecond commanded by Prince *Peratinſki*, had enter'd upon the Territories of this City, to the Number of 60,000 Men, and had taken their Quarters in the Village of *Marienwerder*, which the Inhabitants, upon their Approach, intirely abandon'd. This News occaſion'd our Magiſtracy to aſſemble extraordinarily this Morning, when they unanimouſly reſolv'd to defend the City to the utmoſt againſt the *Ruſſians*, and to truſt the Care of the Outworks to the Troops which King *Staniſlaus* has rais'd.

Stockholm, Jan. 24. The King has given Orders for a Fleet of 14 Men of War to be ready to put to Sea at a Moment's Warning. We have likewiſe a Body of Troops on the Sea-Coaſts; but know not the Uſes intended of either. 'Tis certain that the whole Kingdom has imbib'd an extraordinary Affection for King *Staniſlaus:* The Licence which his Majeſty has granted his Subjects of entering into the Service of that Prince, has been receiv'd with a general Joy; and ſeveral Officers, amongſt whom are ſome that ſerv'd under the late *Charles* XII. are preparing to go immediately to *Dantzick:* The Eagerneſs of the young Nobility on this Head is alſo very particular.

Berlin, Feb. 5. The Miniſter of *France* having receiv'd an Expreſs Yeſterday from *Dantzick*, went directly to Court to communicate to his Majeſty the Contents of the Diſpatches. 'Tis ſaid that his Majeſty has anew aſſured the Magiſtracy of *Dantzick*, that he will exert himſelf in Quality of Protector of their City: 'Tis certain that ſeveral Regiments are ordered forthwith into *Polish Pruſſia*. The Deſigns of this Court are kept ſo ſecret, 'tis impoſſible to deſcribe them with Certainty. Mean while the Opinions of People are divided, ſome aſſerting that the *Ruſſian* Miniſter here is recall'd, and that our Miniſter, lately return'd from the Court of *Peterſburgh*, is to continue here; while others affirm, that his Excellency came hither with an extraordinary Commiſſion, and will return thither in eight or ten Days at fartheſt.

Copenhagen, Feb. 10. 'Tis aſſured that this Court will ſtand Neuter, notwithſtanding the Reports raiſed to the contrary.

We hear from *Stockholm*, that Orders have been given for the enliſting of 10,000 Seamen, to man the Squadron now fitting out.

Hague, Feb. 16. Letters from *Berlin* ſay, that his *Pruſſian* Majeſty having now on Foot near 80,000 Men, had reſolved not to make any further Augmentation of them this Year.

Cracow, Jan. 26. The Diet is ſtill aſſembled, being greatly divided in their Sentiments touching the Propoſition of the Court to put an End to the preſent Seſſion, and declare by Way of Manifeſto, the Cauſes which render ſuch a Step indiſpenſible in the preſent Juncture: Warm Debates ariſe daily on this Head. The Jeſuits of this City have complimented his Majeſty in a fine Panegyrick. A Party of 800 of the Crown Troops attack'd a few Days ago a Detachment of *Ruſſians*, conſiſting of 5 or 600 Men, who were employ'd to eſcort a Supply of Proviſions croſs the *Viſtula*, but were repuls'd with the Loſs of a Lieutenant, an Enſign and 18 Soldiers; a Lieutenant-Colonel, a Major and ſeveral private Men, being kill'd however on the Side of the *Ruſſians*,

Paris, Feb. 13. The King of *Sardinia*, before he ſet out from *Milan* for *Turin*, preſented the Marſhal *de Villars* with his Picture ſet with Diamonds to the Value of 100,000 Livres. His Majeſty gave a Ball to the Ladies the Night before his Departure, and appear'd at it in a Coat button'd with Diamonds, the other Parts being ſuitably ſplendid. The Marſhal *de Villars* has receiv'd a Preſent from *Don Carles*, of his Picture, a fine Sword and a Gold Snuff-Box of extraordinary Value.

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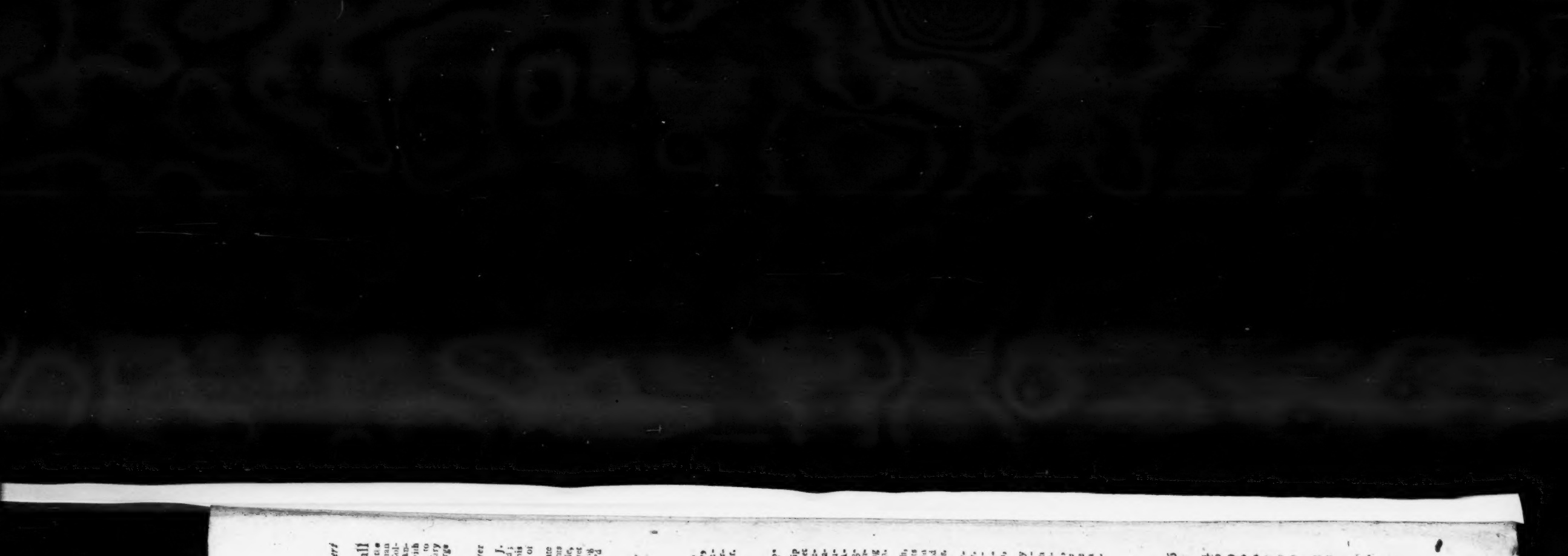
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